

WHEAT YIELD IS MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT OF LAST YEAR

That there will be thousands of bushels of wheat in excess to that produced by the plains farmers last year is proven by every farmer who comes in from that portion of the county.

They tell us that the yield will be as good to the acre as it was last year but the grain is far superior and will test better than 61 pounds to the bushel. The acreage put in this year is more than double that of last, therefore the output will be more than double. One farmer said he had only made \$2500 off his dry farm this year and he intended to invest most of that in more land if he could buy it.

Some of the farmers say that their wheat will yield twenty bushels to the acre while most of it will run about ten bushels to the acre. This does not sound very large to eastern farmers but when they compare the value of their land in dollars and cents to that in Quay county, they are not receiving nearly so much on their investment.

Two or three dozen teams and wagons were here this week from the wheat belt after coal for threshing purposes. Threshing has already begun and with double the output of last year the farmers are sure of a successful season.

The Tucumcari elevator is not yet up but those who intend to build it report that they will be here with a construction company as soon as the material can be gotten here. It will pay the farmers not to be in too big a hurry in contracting their wheat as a little competition on this side of the wheat belt may mean considerable to those who have wheat for sale, and the Tucumcari firm will make all competitors go their limit.

A. M. BOYD DEAD

A. M. Boyd, who has been a resident of Quay county for eight years, spending most of the time at the home of R. F. Culbertson, died last Friday in Tucumcari after an illness of several weeks, but only being in a serious condition a few days, having taken sick while attending the picnic at Lone Cottonwood on the 4th.

Mr. Boyd was 48 years old, a native of Mississippi, but came to this country about eight years ago and filed on a claim near Lesbia, proving up on same and still owning it at the time of his death. He had poor health but managed to get along very well with his tubercular trouble. He was affected with kidney trouble which gradually grew worse until it caused his death.

A brother came here from Poplar Creek, Miss., and accompanied the remains of Mr. Boyd to his former home where the funeral was held and the body laid to rest.

NARA VISA

W. A. Stone made a business trip to Dalhart Tuesday.

Norman Keplar and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of their first born, a boy.

Rafael Vigil and family came in Monday from the ranch on Ute Creek and are visiting at the home of Mrs. Vigil's parents, Alejandro Gutierrez and wife.

Oscar Gamble, of Haileyville, Okla., is visiting his brother, A. B. Gamble, west of town. He says he likes the looks of the country and may come back and locate.

E. F. Snyder, while unloading his printing plant, let a heavy piece of casting from the large cylinder press fall on his foot crushing it badly. Dr. Posey dressed the wound and Ernie is hobbling around on crutches.

Misses Agnes Remley and Mary Morey, teachers in the public schools of Aberdeen, South Dakota, are visiting Miss Bell Griffith south of town. Chas. Craver and sons left Thursday evening of last week for El Paso where they expect to locate.

Mrs. T. C. Corbin, of Dover, Mo., arrived recently and has gone to keeping house in the Hixenbaugh property.

E. F. Snyder unloaded a printing plant Tuesday and Nara Visa is to have a real newspaper.

Ray Side and wife are the proud parents of a fine girl baby born on the 7th instant.

Mrs. Jeger is having the old Crow blacksmith shop building razed and built into a garage on the rear of the lot. L. D. Chapman is performing the operation.

Mrs. Joe Burnet, of Walsenburg, Colorado, is visiting her sons, Fred and Jay Coots. She is accompanied by her daughter, Miss Bessie Ritter, and her grandson, Arthur Neely.

Faustin Hernandez was in from Ute Creek the first of the week and spent a few days with his parents.

Get your neighbor to take the News

TUCUMCARI BALL TEAM BLANKS EL PASO R. R. TEAM

The E. P. & S. W. base ball team came up Sunday from El Paso and crossed bats with the local aggregation of ball tossers and were defeated in a well played game by a score of 6 to 0.

The new twirler, Wallis, was on the mound for Tucumcari during the first three or four innings and showed up well, but owing to an injury to his knee sustained during a fast play, he retired in favor of Bramlett, the old stand-by, who pitched excellent ball and succeeded in shutting the visitors out. The visitors had a good team but were unable to hit the ball when a hit meant anything.

The following account of the game was printed in the El Paso Morning Times:

"The E. P. & S. W. club from the local offices journeyed to Tucumcari Sunday and were shown the way to the end of a speedy contest with a shut-out, while the New Mexico home team came across with six tallies.

"Monk Wallis worked good from the pitcher's box for Tucumcari, but was forced to retire when he wrenched his knee in the fourth inning. Bramlett took his place. Only one player of the railroad team got as far as third base. The visitors played strong until the eighth, when they began booting the leather about the lot and it cost three runs."

S. W. DISCIPLINE BULLETIN

The discipline bulletin for the eastern division of the El Paso & Southwestern system has been issued from the office of C. D. Beeth. Only one employee was discharged from the service. This was a locomotive engineer, who was relieved for running an engine between stations without orders.

In the assessment of demerit marks the penalties were rather light. A brakeman received 20 marks for being responsible for damage to cars. An engineer received 15 marks for slipping the tires on his engine. A section foreman received 10 for his responsibility in getting his push car struck by a train. A brakeman received 10 for delaying a train. A conductor received 10 for accepting a train order with the word "complete" left off. One brakeman received 10 for running through a switch, and another got the same number for detaching cars on the Jarilla branch.

In credit marks, an engineer received 15 for firing his engine on various dates, when the firemen were unable to keep the engine hot, and thereby saving delay to his train. A fireman received 10 for the assistance he rendered in repairing a tank valve, at a watering station, which avoided delays to trains.

BOOST YOUR TOWN

If you have traveled within the last two weeks between San Jon and Montoya you have undoubtedly noticed the new Texas, New Mexico Highway Association signs. This road (between Amarillo and Las Vegas) will appear in the next Blue Book and will undoubtedly bring a great many summer tourists this way. In fact we have had several cars daily of late. We will have to spend a little money to do some necessary repair work and keep this road in shape if we want to encourage this travel. Not only will we get the cheapest advertising possible, but remember, also that every car passing through stops over in our town one night or longer. Therefore, the people here should be willing to do their share, not only the owners of cars, but all business men, and in order to discuss this matter a meeting of all the citizens is hereby called for Tuesday evening, July 18, at 8:00 p. m., at the Elks Home. Everyone who has the interests of Tucumcari at heart is invited. A. D. Goldenberg, Vice President Texas, New Mexico Mountain Highway Association.

DEMING REGULATES SALOONS

Deming saloonkeepers will have to pay a license of \$1000 a year instead of the former sum of \$450 as soon as an ordinance recently passed in that city goes into effect. In addition they will have to close their places at 9 o'clock each night and keep them closed until 6 o'clock the next morning, and will have to remain closed all day Sunday. Screens are tabooed and so are songs, loud talking and boisterous conduct.

RATTLER KILLS CHILD

Logan, N. M., July 8.—Ossie, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Travelstead, who live in the Aniston neighborhood, while out playing was struck on the head by a rattlesnake. The little fellow was brought to town for treatment, but his condition was such that nothing could be done, and he died the following evening. This proves again that the sting of the rattler is deadly.

Teams and scrapers are again working on Gaynell street and the big grader will be put up there in order to make that street one of the best in town. It is the one all autos enter the city from the east and west, being on the Texas-New Mexico route.

"THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE GREAT- EST NUMBER"

The following communication from H. B. Jones, who is spending the summer with relatives at Marcellus, Mich., fully explains itself:

Marcellus, Mich., July 6, 1916
Editor Tucumcari News.

Dear Sir:—

I am inclosing you herewith a clipping from the Roy Spanish American, regarding the management of the high school in Raton that I think could as well apply to the school management in Tucumcari. I notice by reading the papers that a considerable number of the older and better qualified grade teachers in our local schools have resigned since their appointment in the spring. I believe that the reason for this is largely because our board sees fit to give its large salaries to the special teachers instead of to the grade teachers, where the most responsibility must be assumed and where the REAL EFFICIENCY IS MOST IMPORTANT.

In the efforts of the local board to make our schools the "best in the state" I think that they are putting too much attention to the high school and not making the proper effort to keep the work in the grades up to the proper standard. I for one, don't believe that more of the taxpayers' money should be expended in enlarging the high school building or enlarging the facilities for the special departments, until after proper and adequate, well ventilated and well-lighted rooms are provided for the children in the grades, and they are placed in charge of well qualified, well paid teachers; and I believe that the superintendent should be charged with the duty of seeing to it that the proper standard of efficiency is maintained by the teachers in the lower grades. "The greatest good for the greatest number" should not be a poor motto for a school board to follow.

Yours very truly,

H. B. JONES.

The Raton Range last week presents the truth regarding the Colfax County High School which in itself is an arrangement of the system which creates it. It says in part:

"Colfax county has a high school which, with its equipment and grounds is valued at nearly \$100,000. Out of this investment, which does not include about \$16,000, for instructors and maintenance annually, we this year received a return of nineteen students graduated—in other words, it cost us, outside the original investment, nearly \$1000 per year for each graduate student. In past years the graduates have been many less."

This only emphasizes the fact apparent to all—that the schools are not satisfied with rendering the greatest good to the greatest number. They will slight the lower grades where all the school children get their start and squander money on high schools where only a few get the benefit. When the conditions exist as in the case of Raton, where the cost of educating a child in high school is three times the cost of placing the same pupil in the State University for the same period, there is something radically wrong and the schools should be taken out of the hands of political manipulators and visionary theorists and placed in the hands of competent, practical educators."

QUAY COUNTY HAS 26 SOLDIERS NOW ON THE BORDER

C. H. Alldredge has returned home from El Paso and Columbus where he went on business. He saw the Tucumcari and Quay county boys and says they are getting along fine, "but rarin' to go." Out of thirty-three men sent down from here twenty-six passed the rigid examination and are now U. S. soldiers.

AUTO LICENSE FEES

Motor vehicle license fees in the first six months of this year for New Mexico totaled \$41,222, or \$11,598 in excess of the total amount collected during the whole of 1915. The cost of administration together with refunds, during the six months amounted to \$4,235.54, leaving to the credit of the state road fund the other half being distributed among the counties in proportion to the number of licenses issued to owners in each county.

Chaves county contributed \$5,193 and Bernalillo \$4,646 while Sandoval paid in but \$159. Quay county paid in \$1,382 and Curry county \$1,194.

The amount received by the county to the credit of the road fund was \$621.

B. Y. P. U. NORMAL

The young people of the Baptist church will begin an institute next Monday, and continue through the week. An expert teacher has been secured and everyone is eager to begin the course. Everybody invited to attend and study. This organization believes in the development of the minds as well as the spiritual capacity.

MANY NEW SCHOOL HOUSES BEING BUILT IN QUAY CO

Supt. E. Pack says the country districts are flourishing this year and a number of new school houses are being erected. The Jordan district is putting up a splendid building.

McAlister is building a nice adobe building and will install new furniture.

Quay would not be out-done so she is putting up a nice concrete building. House is building on two rooms to the former school house and it will have one of the best in the county.

San Jon is putting up a large frame building.

Lesbia is the recipient of a nice church and school building paid for by Mr. Walker, who recently moved to this county from Texas. This nice gift is being made of reinforced concrete.

Ford, district 56, is building a frame school house.

A number of others have been completed and Quay county is coming to the front in the educational procession in this state. She don't believe in having any illiteracy in her borders.

MEXICANS FIGHT EACH OTHER NEAR CHIHUAHUA

Chihuahua City, Mex., July 12.—Heavy fighting is now proceeding between de facto government troops under Gen. Ernesto Garcia and a large force of Villistas at Cerro Blanco, some miles below Parral, according to dispatches received today by Gen. Jacinto Trevino.

Gen. Garcia reported that he was engaged in holding the bandits until the forces under Gen. Matias Ramos and Gen. Domingo Arrieta, which are now proceeding up the railway from Jimenez, arrive and turn the scales in the conflict.

Gen. Hilario Rodriguez, one of the Villista leaders who joined Canuto Reyes in surrendering to the government a few months ago, has informed Gen. Trevino that he had received a personal letter from Villa, in which the bandit chief pleaded with him to return to his old allegiance and to join him in resisting the "Yankee invaders." This letter was dated June 15 at San Juan Bautista.

In his communication to Gen. Trevino, Gen. Rodriguez stated that he had no sympathy with the efforts of Villa to divide his country and was determined to help the Carranza authorities to restore order.

El Paso, July 12.—Fort Bliss, Camp Pershing and Camp Cotton are overflowing with national guard troops and it has been found necessary to establish a new camp three miles north of Fort Bliss and another camp site downtown is being looked for by the regular army officers where the additional Michigan troops will be encamped.

With the arrival of the First Pennsylvania cavalry Tuesday afternoon and evening, Camp Pershing was badly crowded so that the new camp beyond the fort and near the city waterworks was selected and the entire Pennsylvania division, composed of nine regiments of Pennsylvania troops, will be camped there under command of Maj. Gen. Charles M. Clement. There will be 14,000 troops in this camp, when the last of the Pennsylvania commands now on the road reach the border here.

The 8th Pennsylvania which passed through Tucumcari Wednesday will perhaps be the last from that state.

A regiment of Rhode Island Cavalry passed through Tucumcari today enroute to El Paso. If this government don't do something to quiet Old Mexico she will miss a mighty good chance and be out several thousand dollars in order to run a bluff. There is no doubt what Carranza or any other leader in Mexico will do when the troops are removed from the border. The Mexicans are being taught to detest Americans and will recognize nothing but force. United States must make a stand and not retreat until she has affected peace and made the southern republic safe for habitation, no matter if it take a thousand years, and since the soldiers are ready to do their part and many others willing to assist them, Wilson cannot afford to back up and take for granted that Carranza will or can do anything. He is afraid of Villa and Villa knows it, so nothing can be expected to be derived by again believing in Carranza's ability to rid Old Mexico of bandits.

MEXICANS ARE UNARMED

Santa Fe, N. M., July 10.—Reports that hundreds of Mexican section hands on the Santa Fe railroad around Clovis were heavily armed, caused a search by special railroad agents Sunday of laborers, section houses and cars, resulting in the confiscation of a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition.

The city wells are being cleaned and otherwise put into first-class condition to avoid any sickness this summer. Supt. Fox is looking after the welfare of the citizens.

The street commissioner is repairing some of the culverts and having others cleaned so that all rain fall will be carried off without being left to evaporate.

CITIZENS AND RAIL- ROAD MEN RAISE THEIR PORTION ON Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. soliciting committee of which H. H. McElroy was one, received a nice donation of \$200 to the building fund from Mr. Alfred E. Bent owner of the local Electric Light Co. Mr. Bent has always taken an interest in the welfare of Tucumcari and is always ready to donate his share to anything he thinks is for the betterment of our city. He says in part to Mr. McElroy:

"Replying to your favor of June 30th I am today forwarding subscription to Mr. Sickles per enclosed copy of letter to him, and after entering up the record on the card he will deliver you the subscription card."

"I am pleased to enclose herewith the company's subscription of \$200.00. This is a very worthy undertaking and we are glad to be afforded an opportunity of contributing our mite."

"Trusting you will satisfactorily succeed in raising the balance, I am,

"Yours very truly,"

"ALFRED E. BENT"

This subscription makes the total amount of the Citizens' Committee nearly that desired, but the railroad boys have not yet finished their part. They expect to have their portion of the \$10,000 within a few days.

Now, it is up to the railroad company to dig up their share or \$15,000 and work on the new building could be commenced at once.

CLOVIS BOND ISSUE IS FOUND ILLEGAL

Clovis, N. M., July 7.—The proposition to issue bonds in the sum of \$35,000 for the extension of water and sewer systems and enlarging the power plant, voted on and carried at the general city election on April 4, last has been found to be illegal, in that the issuing of the bonds was placed before the voters in the form of one proposal, whereas it should have been segregated and specified the amount proposed to be expended for each separate and distinct purpose.

The bonds were sold on May 29 to the Lumbermans' Trust company of San Francisco, Calif. The sale, of course, was made contingent upon the company's attorneys being satisfied with the legality of all the proceedings. When they came to delving into the matter this irregularity was discovered, and as it was such a serious one as to invalidate the bond issue, the trust company declined to take the bonds.

Just what can be done in the matter the local disciples of Blackstone have not yet been able to figure out. According to the statutes, another election can not be held until the time for holding the next general election. This may mean next fall, or it may mean the next city election almost two years hence.

KIRK ITEMS

If Tucumcari doesn't mind to, she might just send a part of her fine rains up on the plains, as we are badly in need of them.

Wheat cutting is over, and threshing is now in order. Wheat is turning out much better than was expected some of it making as much as twenty bushels per acre.

J. T. Stalcup, Dan Ball and Warren Wilkerson went to Meirose last week with wheat. It tested sixty-one and brought 90c per bushel.

Rev. Hudson of Frio community, preached here last Sunday at 11 o'clock. After dinner on the ground, the crowd spent awhile singing. There was a large crowd present, many of them from other communities.

Walter Lacy and family and Miss Mamie Lacy of Turkey are visiting the family of W. R. Bailey.

J. T. Stalcup, Jr., J. T. Baisden and wife made a business trip to Clovis last week, also visited Mr. Baisden's parents.

Mrs. Roy D. Hutchens came up with her husband on the mail route Saturday. They attended church here on Sunday.

Kirby Bostick "took in" the big reunion at Las Vegas last week.

Mrs. Oliver Carter is convalescent after an illness of eight weeks.

Mrs. Morgan is still very low.

Bro. Langfor is to preach at Kirk next Sunday.

Elder Johnson of Hall county, Tex., is to begin a Christian meeting here Friday night before the fifth Sunday.

Mr. Edwards, a piano man of Tucumcari, was in the plains country last week selling and tuning pianos.

On Tuesday we had a nice little shower which livened things up considerably.

Mr. Green of Ragland fell off of a load of grain Monday, and the wheel passed across his neck and shoulder, leaving him unconscious for sometime. By the next day, however, he was able to be at work.

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